GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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Cruise Industry
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make any perspective plan to set up and promote cruise industry and strengthen tourist links between Indian sub-continent and other countries of Middle-East, Gulf, etc.;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to adopt Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for the purpose; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):Yes, Madam, the Government has prepared 'Vision for Coastal Shipping, Tourism and Regional Development' which inter alia includes measures for promotion of cruise industry in the immediate term, short term and medium term. The measures seeks to put in place enabling policy framework of development of cruise industry, incentives to the cruise liners, development of infrastructure and evolving Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for cruise vessels.
(c)&(d):The mode of development of infrastructure for Cruise Industry is decided by the concerned operating agencies. To promote tourism infrastructure including infrastructure related to development of Cruise Tourism, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central agencies for the development under relevant scheme guidelines subject to availability of funds.
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